

P. R. O. Inhabitants fairly elected by the people did meet and althō the
 Maryland Protestants kept all the said Articles inviolable yet notwith-
 B. I. Vol. 2, standing the said Deputy Governors endeavoured by all
 B. E. wicked meanes possible to pervert and draw the people from
 their Allegiance to their Majesties and stirr them up to Rebel-
 lion and obstruct the said Convention from settling the Coun-
 try in Peace and quietness untill order from their Majesties
 which notwithstanding they proceeded unto. And first of all
 pursuant to their Duty they caused their Majesties to be pro-
 claimed and drew up an Address to them and then proceeded
 to settle the Province untill Orders from them, as first to settle
 the Military and civill Officers continueing all Protestants in
 their places and removeing all Papists and putting Protestants
 in their Rooms pursuant to their Majesties Declaration and
 continued all the Tempoary Laws in the Province laid the
 publique Levy which (notwithstanding the great occasion) was
 the least that had beene in that Province for many yeares thō
 they also paid the debts of the old Governm^t out of the same
 and then drew all up into an Ordinance of Assembly whereby
 those matters do more fully appeare, after which the Deputy
 Govern^{ts} and severall of the Petitioners their Adherents (being
 of the Lord Baltemores Comission) did on the behalfe of King
 James endeavour all they could to raise Rebellion against
 their Majesties in all the parts of the Province In the opposing
 of which if any received Damage it is more then those Re-
 spond^{ts} know or ever heard of before there being none done
 by them or their Order And do verily beleive there was none
 done by any other But if any such there were lett them prove
 the same aga^t those that did it, and the Law is open for their
 Remedy the Convention never giveing authority thereto.

As to that other part of the charge in the said Paper of
 acting contrary to their Majesties Letter These Respond^{ts}
 humbly conceive that the Convention hath given sufficient
 Answer in their last Letter to their Majesties unto which they
 do in all humility desire to be referred.

As to the generall charge of Forgery in the latter part of the
 aforesaid Petition to his Majesty These Respond^{ts} know not to
 whom it relates and do therefore look upon it to be a notori-
 ous Falsehood forged by themselves

And the Respond^{ts} do humbly desire that the Depositions
 Evidences and Papers relateing to the p^rmisses ready to bee
 produced to this Right Hon^{ble} Board may be read and heard.

(Endorsed)

M^r Coode &c:—

Answered to the petition

Read the 22^d Dec: 1690.